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1. ALL STATES EXCEPT SOUTH AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA HAVE CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF THE PMA ACT. CHALLENGE IS TO AUTHORITY OF JOINT SITTING OF PARLIAMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION. QUESTION HAS BEEN REFERRED TO THE FULL COURT OF THE HIGH COURT. NO DATE HAS YET BEEN SET FOR THE HEARING.

2. RE QUESTION ON COMMONWEALTH CONTROL OF OFFSHORE RESOURCES, ALL STATES HAVE CHALLENGED THE VALIDITY OF THE SEAS AND SUBMERGED LANDS ACT 1973. HEARING HAS BEEN SET TO COMMENCE MARCH 11, 1975.

3. ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IT IS KEEPING U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FULLY INFORMED (THROUGH THE AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON) ON STATUS OF BOTH MATTERS.

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